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SUBJECT: Addition to NSC 5906

At the NSC meeting on 16 July 1959, the following new numbered paragraph was adopted for insertion following Paragraph 54 of NSC 5906, subject: "Basic National Security Policy."

"The acceptance by the people and governments of foreign countries of the presence on their soil of official U. S. personnel directly affects our capability to achieve our national security objectives. To this end, programs should be developed and improved to encourage and strengthen the natural inclination of the individual American to be a good representative of his country and to promote conduct and attitudes conducive to good will and mutual understanding. Each department and agency and senior representatives overseas should seek: (a) to ensure that U. S. official personnel understand the importance to the United States of their role as ~~personal ambassadors~~, (b) to ~~analyze~~ programs that promote good personal relations between foreign nationals and U. S. personnel, and (c) to ensure that the total number of U. S. official personnel in each country is held to a strict minimum consistent with sound implementation of essential programs."

It is requested that all addressees take appropriate steps to ensure compliance with the spirit and intent of this instruction.

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